

February 23, 1951.
Motor Vehicles, Commerce and Trade.

House File 549
By BASS.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred twenty-one (321), Code 1950,
relating to motor vehicles and law of road.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
- 2 hundred four (321.304), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking
- 3 from line four (4) subsection one (1) the words “seven hundred”
- 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the words “one thousand”.
- 1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point three
- 2 hundred eighty-four (321.384), Code 1950, is hereby amended by
- 3 striking from line two (2) of subsection one (1) the word “half”
- 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the word “quarter” and by striking
- 5 from line three (3) of said subsection the word “half” and
- 6 inserting in lieu thereof the word “quarter”.
- 7 Said section is further amended by striking from line six
- 8 (6) of subsection one (1) the words “five hundred” and inserting
- 9 in lieu thereof the words “two thousand”.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 549

The higher driving speeds on Iowa roads in the past decade increase the distance needed for safe passing. This bill increases the required clear distance for passing on grades and curves from seven hundred feet to one thousand feet. With two vehicles approaching each other at speeds of 50 miles per hour, even this allows just under seven seconds for the passing operation.

Also required by today's higher average speeds is the earlier lighting of vehicles, that they may be seen readily in semi-darkness by approaching drivers.